# Times-Virginian Editorials

### A GOOD THING

For the past several weeks, this newspaper urged to the limit of its ability that every citizen making a vote this year by paying the capitation tax. It is requisite to an that all important election should be decided by default. We want to see our Democracy works only in proportion to the size of a free vote. There are large votes in the dictator countries, but the people are herded to the polls and given no choice. It is a matter of supporting the official candidates of the one party or else.

By and large, this newspaper approves of the sound government enjoyed in Virginia. But we dislike to see an election come up when there are no choices at hand. It is unfortunate for the grassroots voter to have to make a decision. We agree one hundred per cent with the statement expressed by Congressman W. M. Aiken at Pamplin recently when he urged the audience to be informed on public issues. It is only way can democracy work. As established citizenry is our sole hope.

So, now that the deadline for the payment of capitation taxes has gone by we next take our stand—check into your registration. Have you moved from one precinct to another? Is there someone in your family who has recently become twenty-one years of age and should now vote for the first time? Do you have neighbors who have just moved into Virginia? Become interested in these things, and lend a hand in seeing that everyone can vote on July 15 and in the November election. It is a good thing that the voters have a choice to make as to whom will represent them in the United States Senate; it is a good thing that there will NOT be just one set of candidates on the ballot in November. Be a practical American; get in the wonderful group of sovereign citizens who march to the polls as free people on election day! If you fail to exercise your rights, the time may come when you will be marched in and recruited as for the regime with NO CHOICE. When will it ever. That sad day comes, democracy will have fallen in America and will have been replaced by dictatorship.

### MAKE ENDS MEET

(From Eastern Shore News)

Inflation is the hole in the nation's pocket which must be patched at all cost. It is grinding down the pay check and eating away at all forms of savings—cash in the strong box, savings accounts, government bonds, pension funds, insurance policies. It shows up in the rising cost-of-living index and talk of increasing the federal debt limit.

As William K. Vanderlip points out there are "remedies" for inflation. Summed up, they mean "making ends meet"—not spending more than we have. If we make ends meet we won't go any deeper into debt—a national debt that was less than $24,000,000,000 in 1932 but which has grown to a grotesque $259,000,000,000 under Roosevelt and Truman.

Any effort to hike the debt limit now $275,000,000,000, must be resisted with all the vigor the public can command. It would be positively dangerous for the government to meet its growing deficits by further borrowing. This would add fuel to inflation and help bring about the debauchery of our money which Lenin, patron saint of communism, said was the sure way to destroy us.

If government can't borrow it must either levy additional taxes or cut expenses, and with individuals and corporations reaching the limit of ability to pay taxes without losing all incentive to produce, bone-cutting economy is seemingly the only course open.

Whatever the steps necessary, the nation must make ends meet. And statesmen worthy of the name will not allow political expediency to weaken their courage or resolve to that end. If they permit spending to go on unchecked and the staggering debt to increase, inflation and cheap money will bring disaster. Communism will win a victory here without firing a single shot.

### KEEPING LOCAL RIGHTS

In the operations of schools and civic institutions, much has been claimed for the principle of home control. It is interesting just who makes possible the measure of home control remaining. Is it the local citizen taxpayer? It is seems. Yes. His tastes are important. But in another sense, there is another taxpayer who gives much to the time on local boards and determine some measure of control. That would be Big Business.

Take away from the socialistic the fat income from railroads, public utilities, and countless other big industries concerns, and the citizen taxpayer could not carry the load alone. It applies in our country, and practically every other country in the nation. Local rights are being preserved by taxpaying industries. Private enterprise thus makes more to it that we often realize.

### GOOD MORNING!

The other day we walked down the main street of our town. We passed a perfect stranger. Seriously, it was a TOUGHIE! We did not stop, but as we meet, we said, and cheerily as we know how, GOOD MORNING! Nothing else. But, we would like to pass along the theme of being polite to strangers. Do not CHEER? IT But follow the spirit of true southern hospitality. Turn on the human. They like to know that they are welcome.

As we see it, a crime in Appomattox would be to permit a tourist car to pass through and not receive a hospitable welcome. We do not have many souvenirs to sell, unfortunately. About all we can do, is bid them come down to the old Court House and see the McLean House. BUT THAT IS WHAT THEY CAME FOR anyway, so make the most of it, and make it EASY for them to see what we DO have to offer!

### WE HOPE THE LADIES WILL ACCEPT!

Members of the Appomattox U. D. C. were in Chase City recently to invite the district group to meet in Appomattox a year from now. We hope the U. D. C. will accept and meet here in 1953. We have ample facilities to accommodate this meeting and we have something special for them to see the restored McLean House. We commend the local chapter for extending the invitation and if it is accepted, we bid the town prepare to make the 1953 meeting a wonderful event.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF BULL HERDS

(From Fauquier Democrat, Warrenton, Va.)

Every good farmer knows that the quality of next year's calf crop will depend largely on the bulls used this year, and consequently that the quality of bulls will determine the amount of return on the calves. A glance at stock quotations is all that is needed to provide practical illustration of calf prices, which may range as much as 15 to 20 cents for the various grades. And if beef prices should go down, the poorer qualities of cattle will be the first to be affected. Quality always comes at a premium. The commercial bull is the main factor in economically increasing the value of the herd by replacing old cows with better grade heifers. It's the same old story of the house built on rock enduring while that which is founded on sand crumbles. Generally speaking, the herd bull should be worth three cows. On today's market a good grade of beef heifer will be worth $300 or more, which puts a fair value for a good bull at serviceable age at about $1,000.

At the Winchester Calf Sales, where many Fauquier calves are sold at above average, prices range from about 41 cents for average stock to 55 cents for top quality. To sell in this market, calves not only must be sired by registered bulls but also subject to review by a selection committee before being admitted.

If last year's calves did not grade good or better at weaning time, the strong indication is that a better sire is needed. There is internal rot only the question of better returns on the crop, but also the matter of fattening better type calves more economically. In addition, by using better herd sires the quality of the herd as a whole will be improved.

Now is the time to remember your situation. Don't let the spring get away from you.

### NO LONGER NICE PEOPLE

(From Winchester Star)

J. Edgar Hoover's announcement that crime in the United States continued to increase in the year 1951 is not a pleasant commentary on American society.

Working figures from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he has made public facts which are alarming. And should provide the public to be more aroused to the situation which finds most human life and property insecure. An average of 6,400 crimes a day is the startling figure.

The problem of crime has been studied for many years. Some of the causes which has been stressed are poverty, ignorance, faulty home, poor schools, comic books filled with stories of crime, emphasis on crime by press and radio.

Hoover says the greatest number arrested by age groups were 21 years old, certainly an age at which individuals should know right from wrong. Crime is a challenge to home, church, school as well as to law and adults who set the examples.

So far no one has mentioned war as being responsible for an increase in crime, at least the crime of murder. War frequently was advanced as a primary cause of an increase in killings three decades ago. But it is obvious that a sizable segment of the population can no longer be classified as nice people, and Hoover has the figures to prove it.

### WOODS WILL BURN

(From New York Times)

As we approach the summer season, with its inevitable appeal to campers and picnickers alike, the necessity for added vigilance in protecting our forest land and wild life from the ravages of carelessly started fires becomes increasingly apparent. Each year throughout the United States many millions of acres of our top timber lands are destroyed, and this year, unless something is done to make summer vacationers aware of safety rules for the woods, the number of fires is likely to increase. This annual waste of much-needed natural resources by fire is staggering. What makes the waste even worse is that most of it is the result of carelessness.

The camper, the hiker and the picnicker are equally culpable. The driver, driving safeways through the woods, must share the blame too. There are, however, a few rules of safety that will help to cut considerably this needless waste. Matches should be broken in the fingers before they are thrown away. Cigarettes and cigars should be put out before tossed from open automobile windows. And every camp fire should be thoroughly drenched with water and sand or none dirt before the vacationer breaks camp.

There have been many new inventions such as the walkie-talkie and the helicopter, that have been used extensively in fighting fires, but it is far better to cut down on the fires that to fight them where they start.

### NEW FACILITIES AT NATURAL BRIDGE

Natural Bridge, Va., May 7.—Natural Bridge of Virginia, as new facilities are annually added, is fast approaching the presidents of Thomas Jefferson that "Natural Bridge will yet be a famous place, that we draw attention of the world," according to the Virginia Travel Corporation.

Strategically located in the Valley of Shenandoah on a 1,600 acre estate, which has been the famous Natural Bridge, one of the seven natural wonders of the world, are the hotel and its cottages, the Gatehouse Cafeteria and Gift Shop, motel lodge, and a swimming pool into which fresh mountain stream water flows constantly.

During the past several years the hotel dining room has been refurnished and redecorated, as well as the main lobby, other public spaces, and bedrooms. The kitchen has been fully renovated and an auditorium, adjoining the hotel, has been constructed. This convention hall is designed for dancing, stage plays, lectures and concerts.

The Natural Bridge Motor Lodge, an annex to the hotel proper and situated just across the highway, was completed in the fall of 1949. It is of brick construction with 50 guest rooms, each with private bath, picture windows, oil heat and solid oak furniture. In 1950 a pavilion of native stone adjoining the Bridge was built.

In September 1951 work began on a new three-story addition to the hotel. Construction is of concrete, steel and hand-made over-size brick. The thirty new rooms will have picture windows overlooking the grounds and the entrance to the ridge area. Easter, 1952 was set for the opening of this addition.

Rebuilding plans are surred forward in Burma.

Need for doctors in held to be of vital importance in Indonesia.

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### WATERS OPEN TO FISHING FOR NEXT SEVEN WEEKS

The next six or seven weeks will bring with them the opening of the season on every type of fishing in Virginia, I. T. Quinn, executive director of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries reports.

With the opening of the trout season last Thursday, fishermen found full and overflowing streams confronting them which impaired the fishing. High waters, caused by a six-day rainfall, may have discouraged the fish fro mbiting, but not the fisherman form fishing and they turned out by the thousands to christen opening day.

The bass season will open east of the Blue Ridge June 1. It will open west of the Blue Ridge June 20. By June 20, all public fishing waters of the state will be open to fishing.

Ever growing numbers of fishermen, including the women, are taking part in sport fishing in Virginia. Quinn said, "More women are taking their rightful places among the ranks of 'dyed in the wool' fishermen every year, with little complaint from the men, for the more women that fish, the wife will-sitters the husbands have to employ when they take to the streams."

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### CRIME INCREASES

Virginia's increase in urban crime last year was larger than the national average, a recent FBI report reveals. The Federal Bureau of Investigation said urban crime showed a 5.1 per cent increase for the nation in 1951 over the previous year. The increase for Virginia was 6.7 per cent. The report was based on information furnished by chiefs of police.

Virginia's larceny rate of 1,306 topped the rates reported in other southern states.

Lynchburg Rotarians elect Kyle president.

Appomattox is a growing town.

## Importance Of Baby Teeth

It is the duty of every prospective mother to learn and to put into practice everything that is possible to preserve her own health and that of her child. In the case of the child it commences before birth, and should be carried on until he is old enough to take over for himself. This he will do if properly trained by a careful and intelligent mother.

There are plenty of informative books on the market now that give sensible instruction on the subject. They will be studied by earnest, inquiring mothers. Diet of the pregnant woman is largely a determining factor in her own health and that of her child. The expectant mother should keep in touch with her physician and her dentist. They will gladly instruct her as to the method of preparation for the little stranger and tell her where she can find books and pamphlets that will give her reliable information.

Some mothers are amazingly ignorant and negligent about the importance of taking proper care of the first or milk teeth of their little ones. The mouth should be kept sweet and clean. The first set of teeth are important and play a useful part in the future welfare of the child.

In the first place everything pertaining to the human body has a definite function to perform. The baby teeth should receive the most meticulous care. Their presence is necessary for the mastication of food and for the proper development of speech. They are also necessary for the growth and development of gums, the jaws, face and head. The loss of a single baby or foundation tooth, until it has been absorbed into a permanent tooth, and nature is ready to cast off the shell, is a misfortune.

The development of the foundation teeth requires good, nutritious food. All babies need plenty of milk to furnish calcium with which to build teeth and bones. If several of these baby teeth are lost, nature cannot properly carry out her designs. Crooked, crowded, unsightly permanent teeth are often caused by neglect and consequent loss of foundation teeth.

### EXHIBIT IN RICHMOND

Paintings and drawings of American life today, as seen through the eyes of school children all over the state, will be on display at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, from Friday, May 9 through Sunday, May 18.

Following the exhibition, the work will be sent abroad as part of the International Art Program sponsored jointly by the American Junior Red Cross and the National Art Education Association.

Through this International Art Program, the work of American school children in grades seven through twelve is exhibited in Europe and the Near East to show how America lives—at work, at school, at home and at play, to help dispel the exaggerated ideas of our way of life that seem to exist in so many foreign lands today.

In return the art work of students in other countries will be displayed in American schools to help to strengthen international friendship.

Listen to The Country Editor, at 7:15 P. M. each Friday night over radio station WWOD, Lynchburg.

## Judging Contest Planned

Virginia's 1952 4-H poultry, livestock, and dairy judging teams will compete for district honors at a series of contests this month and next.

About 25 dairy judging teams are expected to compete at one of these places: Varina, May 31; Lynchburg, June 6; Culpeper, June 10; and Wytheville, June 16. Livestock judging teams will compete at Staunton, June 13, and at VPI, June 7. About 35 teams are expected.

In poultry about 35 teams will compete at Lynchburg, June 7; Abingdon, June 10; Stanley, June 12; and Richmond, June 17.

Top teams in all divisions will come to the State 4-H Short Course at VPI June 23-28 to vie for state honors. State awards include a trip to the 1952 National Dairy Cattle Congress at Waterloo, Iowa, for the dairy team; a trip to the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago for the livestock team; and a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago for the poultry team.

Corporate profits for 1951 are up 12 per cent, but decrease after allowance for taxes.

Baseball is being tested as a sport in Egypt.

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